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## The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, OCTOBER 29TH, 1907

The Tientsin post office question is not settled yet, although there has been an announcement of some arrangement between the Tientsin Chamber of Commerce and the Hongkong Government. The question whether the British Post Office at Tientsin is to be continued is now, however, only a part of a much larger question. Apparently it has now to be decided whether all the foreign post offices in the treaty ports are to go or stay. The Yuchuanpu, or Ministry of Posts and Communications, seems to be going to work with considerable energy to demonstrate that the Chinese Imperial Post Office is capable and anxious to cope with all the mail matter within the Empire. From Tientsin comes a report that orders have been issued to forbid Chinese railways conveying any mails that have not been sent through the Chinese Imperial Post Office, with the one exception of foreign naval and military mails. This is a drastic step, indeed, and will probably appear too abrupt and unceremonious to obtain the approval of the Powers. We have no

doubt that it will be strongly denounced as a blow deliberately aimed at foreign prestige. It has already been labelled by one contemporary as "an unfriendly act." This view is, or was, not shared by the foreign official of the Customs who prepared an excellent review of the amazing progress of the postal department, which review was copiously quoted in our columns. Unable to lay our hands on the document at the moment, we distinctly remember that the view was therein expressed that the foreign post offices were no longer necessary, and might now be abandoned as a useless anomaly. That was a departmental view, inspired doubtless by a natural pride in the successful evolution of the C. I. P. O., and it would not be difficult to find arguments in support of it. The point at present is, however, to what extent has the foreign control (which has made it what it is) been submerged by the chauvinistic chiefs of the Yuchuanpu?

We expressed considerable nervousness a year ago at the detachment of the services from the control of the Customs, especially as there were plain signs then that the Chinese considered they were already in a position to dispense with foreign supervision and advice in this connection. Are we to take it that those fears were well founded, and that this extraordinary prohibition addressed to the railways is the cloven hoof? As we said before, the Chinese ambition to manage their own affairs is too natural to condemn offhand; but if their "vaulting ambition overleaps itself," to the extent of plainly transgressing treaties and promises, its manifestations will have to be closely scrutinized and sternly repressed where necessary. It cannot be denied that the Chinese Imperial Post has reached a state of efficiency, such as to make the foreign offices prima facie unnecessary; and there would be nothing more objectionable in having to put a ten-cent stamp on a London letter forwarded to Shanghai than there is in having to put two-pence-half-penny on a Hongkong letter re-posted in London for Paris. That however, is not the immediate concern. What is feared is that, as we suggested over three years ago, a policy of let-alone now may permit as a sequel a rapid rovership to the old system of corruption, sloth and prostration, and, of course, inefficiency. At present, as both are conducted, the Chinese Post Offices has nothing to learn from (say) the Hongkong Post Office, but would it not deteriorate if given the free hand this Chinese head seem to desire? According as we are optimistic

or pessimistic vis-à-vis that outlook, we will view the latest development, which, we have no doubt, will already have engaged the earnest attention of the China Association.

Yesterday H.M.S. "King Alfred" left for Mir Bay, where active preparations are being carried out for battle practice. Later the "Alacrity" will join the fleet there, and probably the "Clio," which is expected here shortly.

The plague totals at date are 234 cases, 226 deaths. During last week there were 70 cases of cholera and 23 deaths thereto. One was a Cingalese, the rest Chinese, and all were imported from Singapore. An American is reported ill of enteric fever.

An engagement has been arranged (and the wedding fixed for the 17th October) between Miss Gladys Emanuel, daughter of Mr. P. P. Emanuel, London, formerly of Hongkong, and Mr. John Grossman of Calcutta, who is a relation to Mr. Albert Howard of Hongkong.

The return of visitors to the City Hall Library and Museum for the week ending the 27th October, 1907, shows that of non-Chinese there were 365 to the Library and 131 to the Museum; and of Chinese 153 to the former and 2,376 to the latter. The Library was, therefore, used by 524 persons and the Museum by 2,506.

The Subsidiary Coinage Committee, composed of Hon. Mr. A. M. Thomson, Colonial Treasurer, (Chairman), Hon. Mr. E. Osborne, Hon. Mr. Wei Yuk, Messrs. J. Armstrong, D. R. Law, R. Shawan, A. J. Raymond, J. R. M. Smith and A. G. Wood, has ceased its deliberations after three meetings, and the report will be furnished to H.E. the Governor in due course.

At the meeting of the Sanitary Board to be held this afternoon, H. E. Mr. A. W. Brewin Registrar-General, pursuant to notice will move "That the Government be requested to make rules under the Water Works Ordinance to regulate the placing of water tanks in back yards." Replies will also be read from the Government relative to the calling for tenders for cleansing and limwashing required by bylaw No. 5; relative to section 175 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance 1903, in respect of numbers 191 to 231, Station Street North, Mongkoktau; and in respect of Nos. 351 to 353, Queen's Road West; relative to section 189 of the same Ordinance in respect of certain houses in Ko Shing Street; and relative to a water tank in the yard of No. 88, Connaught Road West.

Advice from Peking state that China is inclined to settle amicably the Chientao boundary dispute by dispatching a higher official from Manchuria or Peking.

The Chinese Ministry of Posts and Communications is now considering ways and means to undertake the whole distribution of mails, both local and foreign, throughout the Empire, including taking over the work now being performed by the post office branches of the different treaty Powers.

Some of our lady readers may be interested to know that the milliners' win laces at Aix-le-Bains are full of hats. To speak more correctly (says a writer in *Truth*), each window is full of hats. "I saw one the other day which tempted me to ask the modiste to let me see how long it would take to walk round it. I wondered where I should see it again. I had not long to wait, for that same night I went to see 'Faust' at the Grand Cirque, and the hat came and sat down in front of me. The music was well rendered, but of the rest of the performance I knew nothing. If that hat went to the Valley of Chamoux, I doubt if any of the tourists would be able to see the Mont Blanc."

The fascinating game of "dodging the Customs" enjoys greater popularity in England than ever, judging by the annual report, issued by the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs. During the past financial year the number of detected attempts to smuggle dutiable goods was the largest recorded since 1894-5. Nine years ago, in 1899, there was a total number of seizures of smuggled goods of all kinds of 3,925, and the penalties recovered amounted to £3,631. The seizures comprised 6,115 pounds of tobacco and cigars. The total number of seizures of smuggled goods of all kinds last year was 5,497, the penalties recovered amounting to £4,389, while the seizures comprised 11,222 pounds of tobacco and cigars.

At Shinokubo, a small village in Sohoku, Japan, consisting of only seventy houses, several cases of robbery have lately occurred to the great alarm of the villagers. A diligent search instituted by them for the offenders proved an utter failure. The community, according to the writer of the "Ochi Kochi" ("Japan in the 'Japan Times,'" consequently holds a mass meeting and unanimously agreed upon cursing the robber to death. "A virtuous priest of the locality was accordingly applied to for the purpose. He, however, declined to curse the robber to death, as act too cruel for a holy man like him to resort to, but promised that he would paralyse the robber by his powerful prayers, so as to disable him and lead him to repentance. Thus the priest commended his incantations. But, behold, the robber continued his subtle operations to the indignation of the entire community. The priest has been condemned as a worthless fellow, and the villagers have taken upon themselves the task of ridding every day to the village temple by twos and threes to offer horrible prayers by which the robber is doomed to an early and painful death."

The Peking Correspondent of the N.C. Daily News says that at the last moment, H. E. Viceroy Yang Shih-hsiang has received a telegram from the Luchupu (Ministry of War) concerning the proposed army manoeuvres of the 2nd and 4th divisions of Luchupu in Peiyang, pleading lack of funds; for the Peking government can only allow the paltry sum of Tls. 30,000 for the entire expenditure. The sum offered would only cover about one-tenth of the cost, but the reason given by the military office at Tientsin to justify the withdrawal of Sir Robert Hart, unfortunately, the repeated announcement of his impending resignation of the Inspectorate-General seems only too near realization. As is known, the Chinese Government, of the Foreign Legation and of the members of the service, it urges the danger, that a Chief lacking full measure of support would be obliged to yield to encroachments where the general welfare is concerned.

The Association urges, therefore, that there should be no delay in preventing the appointment, either temporarily or otherwise, of one who is not assured of the support of the British communities in China nor of that of the staff of the Imperial Maritime Customs.

For many years the withdrawal of Sir Robert Hart from the chief control of the Imperial Maritime Customs has played the same role for newspapers in the Far East that "trouble in the Spring" in Macedonia has usurped by tradition in the European Press. Both events are likely to come true in the long run, but, as it is the duty of those who seek to guide public opinion to prepare for all eventualities, they have no reason to be dissatisfied that circumstances, often by reason of their actual warnings, combine to fulfill their predictions from year to year. In the case of Sir Robert Hart, unfortunately, the repeated announcement of his impending resignation of the Inspectorate-General seems only too near realization. As is known, the Chinese Government, of the Foreign Legation and of the members of the service, it urges the danger, that a Chief lacking full measure of support would be obliged to yield to encroachments where the general welfare is concerned.

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After much correspondence and years of waiting the old nine pounders are about to be replaced by four fifteen pounders and the arrival of the new pieces will not doubt give a useful fillip to the battery. The new weapons are of nickel, weighing each 6 cwt., 2 qrs., 9 lb., length ninety inches, bore three inches, system polygonal, rifling left, to right, firing mechanism, percussion.

Many pleasant memories are connected with the old arms; they have never been used in the heat of strife, and more peaceful records have seldom been gained by weapons located in such a troubled country, where often only the might of the small minority kept the large majority in order. With an untried reputation the new guns came to Shanghai in 1858 and equally untried old guns, they are being relegated to an ornamental future at the gaol in 1907.

CHINESE IN TOKYO.

A POLITICAL MEETING.

A political meeting promoted by Liang Chi-chow, a political refugee, who fled from Peking a few years ago, together with the famous Kang Yu-wei, was held at the Kinkikan in Kanda, Tokyo, on the 18th instant, the proceedings ending in disorder. According to a Tokyo daily, the promoters of the meeting anticipated some disturbance at the hands of the Chinese Revolutionary Party.

Liang Chi-chow, who was the principal speaker, went up to Tokyo from Yokohama—where he is residing—escorted by about thirty of his friends. The meeting was opened with addresses by Messrs. Minoue and Iwakai, Progressive leaders. Then Liang Chi-chow spoke on the subject of "Constitutional Government." He had only said a few words when a number of Chinese in the audience belonging to the Revolutionary party began to make signs of disapproval, and general disorder ensued.

One Chinese sprang on to the platform and threatened to attack the speaker, who apparently deemed discretion the better part of valour and at once left the platform.

The whole meeting was now in an uproar, but after some minutes one of the Revolutionary leaders got on to the platform, and with some difficulty restored order. He then went on to criticize the views of Liang Chi-chow, and proceeded to say that Liang Chi-chow had been rescued by the Revolutionaries in the Peking coup d'etat, but had now forgotten the act of kindness and attacked the Revolutionaries. He was outwardly advocating the adoption of a Constitutional Government, but was inwardly working for absolutism.

The audience, numbering over 1,500 Chinese, loudly applauded this speech, and at the conclusion left the place.

The Revolutionaries are taking steps to hold a political meeting shortly with a view to

convincing the Chinese residents in Tokyo the principles of the Revolutionary movement.

—Japan Chronicle.

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LONDON, October 26th.

New York reports that runs on the Banks and Trust Companies continue. There are six more suspensions, with small capitals but with the aggregate deposits of \$34,000,000.

The entire Cabinet, with the exception of Mr. Cortelyou has met at Washington to consider the situation. Mr. Cortelyou today deposited \$8,000,000 with the New York Banks. The large Savings Banks are enforcing 36 days notice of withdrawals, fearing a panic.

[N.C. Daily News Service.]

THE IMPERIAL MARITIME CUSTOMS.

SIGNIFICANT ACTION OF THE CHINA ASSOCIATION.

LONDON, October 23rd.

The China Association has addressed a letter to the Foreign Office, dated September 27th, in which it lays emphasis upon the apparent intention of the Chinese to extend the substitution of Chinese for foreign employees in the Imperial Maritime Customs. Such a desire on the part of the Chinese, it states, is natural and might command sympathy, if the possibility of effecting the change without risk to the efficiency of the Service could be admitted; but as things are, it cannot be admitted. In the recent transformation of the higher offices in Peking there has been no sign of any improvement in financial methods permeating Chinese officials.

The Association proceeds to express apprehension concerning the report of the appointment of Sir Robert Brodon in the place of Sir Robert Hart. It emphasizes the supreme importance to the welfare of the service that its Chief should possess the confidence and esteem of the Chinese Government, of the Foreign Legation and of the members of the service. It urges the danger, that a Chief lacking full measure of support would be obliged to yield to encroachments where the general welfare is concerned.

The Association urges, therefore, that there should be no delay in preventing the appointment, either temporally or otherwise, of one who is not assured of the support of the British communities in China nor of that of the staff of the Imperial Maritime Customs.

SHANGHAI VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY.

After much correspondence and years of waiting the old nine pounders are about to be replaced by four fifteen pounders and the arrival of the new pieces will not doubt give a useful fillip to the battery.

The new weapons are of nickel, weighing each 6 cwt., 2 qrs., 9 lb., length ninety inches, bore three inches, system polygonal, rifling left, to right, firing mechanism, percussion.

Many pleasant memories are connected with the old arms; they have never been used in the heat of strife, and more peaceful records have seldom been gained by weapons located in such a troubled country, where often only the might of the small minority kept the large majority in order.

With an untried reputation the new guns came to Shanghai in 1858 and equally untried old guns, they are being relegated to an ornamental future at the gaol in 1907.

CHINESE IN TOKYO.

## POLICE COURT.

Monday, 28th October.

BEFORE MR. F. A. HAZELAND (FIRST POLICE MAGISTRATE).

LARCENY.

A native who climbed over the wall of a godown in Connaught Road West was caught by a constable when departing with 30 catties of sugar in his possession. He was charged before his Worship with the larceny of the same, found guilty, and sentenced to three weeks' imprisonment and six hours' stocks.

BRIEFLY.

A young hawker and his wife selling their wares in Centre Street on Sunday were stopped by a constable who wished to examine their licences. Finding that the conditions of the woman's licence did not permit her to sell in the street he ordered her out of it. The husband gave him fifty cents to drink tea, and told him not to interfere with his wife. The constable took the money and the man to the police station, and the latter appeared before his Worship on the charge of bribery. He admitted handing over the money to square the matter, and was ordered to pay a fine of \$15, the alternative being one month imprisonment.

A DAY'S LEAVE.

Sunday Indian Police Constable 733, who is stationed at Yau Ma Tei, got a day's leave and went to Kowloon where he met a friend, an ex-constable. It would appear that the pair had not met for sometime, for they continued for a long time drinking each other's health. Then they went for a stroll round the town and eventually entered the shop of a Chinese tailor. Here they quarrelled with the shop assistants, and, seizing a broom, the constable proceeded to demolish show cases, overturn machines and beat the fokis. The second constable witnessed his friend indulging in this exercise, and when the latter had finished they went out into the street. A crowd of Chinese was there to meet them, and then the Indians were attacked, and were getting a rough handling when the police arrived and arrested them. The first defendant was fined \$10 and ordered to pay \$4 compensation, and the latter was fined \$5.

BEFORE MR. C. D. MELBOURNE (SECOND POLICE MAGISTRATE).

HAVING EXPLOSIVES WITHOUT A PERMIT. A native who had a box of detonators and a quantity of dynamite in his possession without a permit from the Captain Superintendent of Police was ordered by his Worship to pay a fine of \$100.

## MARINE MAGISTRATE'S COURT.

Monday, October 29th.

BEFORE COMMANDER BASIL R. H. TAYLOR, R.N. (MARINE MAGISTRATE).

THE "SHUN LEE"—"MARLOW" COLLISION. An inquiry was held before his Worship into the circumstances connected with the collision between the steam launch "Shun Lee" and the steam launch "Marlow," which occurred in the harbour on the 18th instant.

Tan Ping, coxswain of the "Marlow," said that on the morning of the 18th instant, he was towing a lighter from Tsimshau to Shatin. Off Kowloon Point he saw the "Shun Lee" on his port bow, coming from the direction of Yau Ma Tei. She was about six lengths away when she was seen, and witness ported his helm in order to keep out of her way. It was the "Shun Lee's" business to keep out of his way, but she came on and tried to cross his bows. He ran into her starboard side, amidships, as he could not reverse or ease his engines because of his tow. The "Shun Lee" ported just before the collision but did not attempt to reverse her engines, which were still going ahead, at the time of the collision.

The master of the "Shun Lee" said that at the time of the collision he was coming from Yau Ma Tei to Hongkong. Soon after shoving off from the wharf, and turning on his course, he saw the "Marlow" about 600 yards off, nearly right ahead. He overtook her, both launches going in the same direction. When his stern was level with her bows, bearing on her port side, she starboarded and ran into him.

His Worship found the master of the "Shun Lee" to blame and cancelled his certificate for one month.

## LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The N.Y.K. str. *Tama Maru* (European Line) left Singapore for this port on the 27th inst., and is expected here to-morrow a.m.

The E. & A. str. *Eastern* from Sydney, N.S.W., arrived at Manila yesterday and leaves to-day for this port.

The P. & O. str. *Dreadnaut* left Singapore for this port on the 26th inst. at 8.30 a.m. with the outward English Mail, and is due here on the 31st instant at about 6 a.m.

The P. & O. str. *Palermo* left Singapore for this port on the 26th inst. a.m.

The N.Y.K. str. *Kagoshima Maru* (Bombay Line) left Moji for this port on the 27th inst., and is expected here on the 2nd prox.

The I.G.M. str. *Roon* left Kobe via Nagasaki and Shanghai on Sunday the 27th inst. p.m., and may be expected here on or about Tuesday the 5th prox.

The I.G.M. str. *Princess Alice*, carrying the German Mail with dates from Berlin of the 18th inst., left Colombo on Saturday the 26th inst. p.m., and may be expected here on or about Wednesday the 6th prox.

The P.M. str. *Siberia* sailed from Yokohama yesterday, and is due to arrive at this port on the 6th prox.

The I.G.M. str. *Kleist* which left here on Wednesday the 23rd inst. at noon, arrived at Singapore on Sunday the 27th inst. at 2 p.m.

The C.P.R. str. *Empress of India* arrived Nagasaki at 8 a.m. on Monday the 28th inst., and left again at 4 p.m. same day for Kobe where she is due to arrive at 4 p.m. to-day.

## HOME AND CHINA AFFAIRS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

London, September 27th.

Mr. John Murray informs me that the book "A Soldier of the Legion" by the former Hongkong journalist, Mr. George Manington, will be published in three weeks' time. It is illustrated by M. Cozard, a French artist of Far Eastern experience, and maps lent by the French Government. Just now the work should have a topical interest for the French Foreign Legion is doing most of the work in Morocco and the description of the famous body of troops given by Mr. Manington should correct many misconceptions as to the members of it.

There was a big attendance at the Church of St. John's, Portmadr, South Wales on Wednesday when a Straits wedding took place, Mr. Douglas Graham Campbell, British Resident at Nagri Semban, marrying Miss Mary Alinda Georgina Spooner, only daughter of Mr. Charles Edwin Spooner, C.M.G., general manager of railways in the Malay Peninsula and Mrs. Spooner of Edudasburgh and Bonatasca, county Fernagh. The Rev. J. E. Williams officiated and the bride was given away by Mr. R. Carson in the absence of her father. Mr. Stewart McArthur, British Resident at Brunei, acted as best man. There were three bridesmaids, the Misses Stewart Hallinan and Chance. The bride wore a white satin Empire coat over a skirt of chiffon and taffeta draped with Carrickmacross lace, while her ornaments included a diamond bracelet, the gift of the bridegroom, a diamond necklace, a present from her father and mother, a diamond half hoop ring from her brother, and a pair of diamond ear rings, the gift of Mrs. Rothes and Miss Spooner.

The Imperial Chinese edict appointing Wu Ting Fang to be again Chinese Minister in Washington, has aroused great interest both here and in America. It is a well-established fact in the minds of Americans that Wu recognizes the salient points of the American character better than any Chinese official who has ever resided in the United States. A prominent American with whom I was talking the other day assures me that the return of this favourite will be signalled by effusive hospitality in Washington, for Wu has a choice wit, with its bite nicely softened by tactful phraseology and is an after dinner speaker, he long ago captured Americans, for they love to see the characteristics of individuals made the subject of gentle satire in post-prandial oratory. There was a time when Wu was regarded with less favour, for it was currently reported after his return to China that he was at the back of the Chinese boycott of American goods. To-day that is not so—a question and American papers with great headlines are declaring "Come back Wu, and all will be forgiven." Even if that old report was true it merely shows that the ex-Minister knew just where America could be hit most effectively—in the pocket.

Much space is being given just now in the European press to the subject of the reorganization of the Chinese Army. The "Pall Mall Gazette" and other papers have had articles pointing out the efforts that are being made to bring the Chinese army to a state of well organised efficiency. The achievements of the Japanese in the past forty years are recited as a proof that if the programme set out for the Chinese reorganisation is pursued indefinitely the future results of the new policy will have an immense influence not only in Asia but in all these great world questions which are gathering round the supreme problem of Yellow competition with the White man.

Other articles here and in France are headed with such lines as "Another yellow army" and show also the power which the Celestial Empire may become if her great resources in human material can be backed by financial support and guided by strong hands. In another matter than organisation China is copying Japan. Three Chinese have just joined the 4th Hussars in the French Army as troopers. Their names are Lee Tsiong, Taiy Tsai, and Taing Kone Yen, and they intend to start from the ranks and work their way upward, thereby learning thoroughly the work of a European army.

Chinese missions have also been the subject of much controversy. Lord William Cecil has contributed a series of exhaustive letters to the "Times" showing the magnitude of the task before the missionaries. Out of the letters quite a healthy correspondence column has developed, the conclusions of Lord William not being unanimously accepted, though even the critics of his remarks admit that his treatment of such subject as ancestor worship is more thoughtful than that of many missionaries.

"At the conclusion of a second letter Lord

Woolf wrote—"The message, I think, the West should give to China, both by the mouth of missionaries and of statesmen, is that Western knowledge without Western ethics will only shoe the heel of tyranny with iron, and that those ethics are, as a matter of history, intimately connected and founded on the teaching of Christianity."

To this conclusion Mr. J. Carey Hall, the well known Consul General of Yokohama, takes strong exception, especially to the reference to statesmen. He contends that it is no part of the duties of a modern Government to propagate its own type of religion within the dominions of another civilized and independent state. To the missionary protection clause in the British Commercial Treaty with China of 1858 he attributes all the bloody and disastrous disturbances in China. "Bitter hostility has been engendered between Christian converts and their fellow citizens in consequence of the foreign protection which the former enjoy through the semi-political status of their missionary pastors. And in the face of this deplorable record of failure, friction, and

disturbance, statesmen are gravely asked to repeat the blunder of delivering a propagandist message again." In contrast with the Chinese troubles Mr. Carey Hall points to the missionary work in Japan unaccompanied by bloodshed or friction, and asserts that the difference in favour of the situation in Japan is due to the fact that there was no missionary clause in the treaty with Japan. Even on the message to be delivered Mr. Hall has his doubts. Western ethics, he contends, are founded on the experience of mankind during the long ages that elapsed before Christianity or its progenitor, Judaism, came into existence. Christianity like Judaism, adopted them from its predecessors and clothed them in a vestment of theological doctrine which is now dropping away in rags. Moreover, Chinese scholars are by no means ignorant of the Christian system of ethics. They have studied it and compared it with our own, and have decisively rejected it as inferior. . . . As a moral type and teacher they consider Confucius superior to Christ." Finally Mr. Hall declares that the less statesmen help missionaries in China the better for both.

To this Mr. Ernest Box sends as refutation quotations from the speeches of Chinese and Japanese notables as to the good done by missionaries of the Christian religion. Mr. Hall retorts that these quotations merely show the barmindedness of the notables but do not disprove his earlier contentions. He complements Lord William Cecil for his sensible treatment of the cult of ancestors, on which matter the condemnation of tactless missionaries has caused much trouble. These interested in the missionary movement are waiting for the next volley in this epistolary exchange.

The Anglo-Russian Agreement in regard to Persia and the Middle East is received in Europe generally with expressions that leave a balance on the side of approval. Count von Bue low has announced his approval on behalf of Germany, and all round it looks as though the completion of the negotiations had resulted in a mighty advance towards peace. It is likely that questions affecting the Near East, next time they come up for discussion, will be more freely discussed by the Powers, for this Agreement has destroyed a good deal of cause for international distrust. The division of the Persian territory into spheres of commercial interest and the guaranteeing of the integrity of Persia is regarded as both fair and advisable, and the Foreign Offices are less troubled now about friction arising in that part of the earth. The only criticism comes from an extreme Radical section, not too well advised, represented by the "Daily News" which can see no good in any agreement with Russia while there is oppression in Russia. What this agreement has to do with the internal conditions of Russia it takes the "Daily News" to discover, but it does not pass on the knowledge to the world at large.

Diabolos, the game with the two headed top swiveling on a string, has at last burst upon Great Britain and America. Indeed the frivolous part of this country appears to be equally divided between Limerick competitions and Diabolos, and you may see the game being played in the public parks day by day. It is odd how the rush has come, considering that the French have tried to introduce it here time and again with little success. I believe it was introduced into France at the beginning of the last century, by a missionary who had discovered it in China. It took hold of France at once, but failed to spread over the water till now.

In addition to diabolos, the sporting interest this week is centred on the new oval billiard table on which John Roberts, Weise and the other professionals are practising. At the National Sporting Club where John Roberts gave a fine exhibition of the game as played on the oval table the veteran player had a fine reception, and despite his years he showed his usual skill and indifference to the difficulties that cropped up. This new form of table, by the way, does away with the "crabbs casse," which was running up such perpetual scores that it became boring to follow the game.

I hear from Lancashire that the cotton men are much pleased with the activity of their trade with China. During the week extensive orders have been placed for Shanghai, and the prospects for more contracts are regarded as promising. The China market has been for some time overstocked, but the accumulations having been cleared off, Lancashire is looking for substantial benefits. I am informed too, that late the Lancashire manufacturers have paid greater attention to the Far Eastern market, and have adapted the make of their cloths more and more to the Chinese requirements.

There has been much amusement in the stock market among the old hands over the strenuous manner in which the manipulators of the shares of the Pahang Consolidated, which is a reconstruction of the Pahang Corporation and the Pahang-Kabang, have been seeking to interest the public in the concern. The news from the mine is good but by no means remarkable, and many experts consider the price of the shares now standing at 44/- as absurd. To explain the demand the operators declared that it was due to "The buying from Hongkong." And the old hands, seeing no proofs of it, have winked and smiled again.

Mr. E. P. Gueritz, Governor of British North Borneo, left this week via Canada to resume his duties at Sandakan after a holiday at home. In an interview on leaving he spoke in glowing terms of the prospects of the dependency in rubber, tobacco and minerals. The tobacco crop, he said, would this year be a record, rubber was steadily extending its area of operations with most favourable prospects, and the mineral resources of the country were so promising that railway extensions were to be immediately proceeded with. On the coal resources especially the highest hopes were based and an export was about to make extensive borings on the west coast with the object of locating the richest

deposits. When this branch of the country's resources was fully developed it would revolutionise the sealing of vessels in the Far East. The Union Jack Club for sailors and soldiers passing through London having proved such a great success, the organiser Major Haggard, has undertaken to organise a Veterans' Club for the use of ex-members of both services. He tells me that much influential support is already promised, and the success of the enterprise does not seem to be in any doubt.

An amusing item has just been brought to light in the public accounts for the expenses of the House of Commons (£20,000) is set down for "lamp oil," though there is electricity everywhere. Inquiry elicited the information that centuries ago it became the custom to supply snuff gratuitously to members of the House. The snuff box is kept at the entrance to the Chamber and members are free to help themselves. Some years ago objection was raised to the item being set down in its true terms so it was determined to continue the supply of snuff but to allow the charge to be shown as lamp oil.

The shipping world appears to be in a turmoil of schemes and competition. The Cunard and White Star companies have reduced their rates to meet the German competition, till it is now possible to travel to New York, sloop, even on the new Lusitania for £1.11, while on the other first-class boats it can be done for £10-10. The Germans announce their intention of having a boat built at Belfast on the turbine principle that will eclipse even the Lusitania in speed and size, and the Canadian Pacific Railway project a service which takes one from England to Japan in nineteen and a half days, and a proportionately short passage to Hongkong and other parts of the Far East. It is in connection with the renewal of the contract of mails to the Far East that the improvement is projected, for the directors believe that an improved service will be made a condition of its continuance.

## SANCTITY OF SHANGHAI.

The sort of thing that Governor Swettenham objected to at Jambao is objected to at Shanghai, as is evident in the following extract from the Municipal Council's minutes:—

It is decided to accede to the Taota's request for the return of the arms of nine native soldiers who were arrested within the Settlement on September 30. Directions are given that further cases of this description be met, in accordance with the practice hitherto obtaining, by the arrest and detention of offenders and their arraignment before the Mixed Court at the first opportunity.

October 8, 1907.

Sir,—I have the honour to forward a translation of a communication from the Taota in connexion with a recent infraction to the regulations ruling the passing of Chinese troops under arms through the Settlement.

Those who have, likely through ignorance, committed this infraction seem to have already been punished enough with seizure of their arms, and we would suggest that the Taota's request be now courteously acceded to.—I am, Sir, Your obedient servant,

D. SIFFERT,

Consul-General for Belgium, and Senior Consul.

D. LANDALE, Eng., Chairman, Municipal Council.

Translation of the letter from the Taota to the Senior Consul, dated October 14, 1907.

I have to inform you that the family of the newly-appointed Governor of Kiangsu passed through Shanghai on the 24th with eight soldiers, and eight rifles, and since they were unacquainted with the rules governing the Settlement of Shanghai, omitted to inform me of their arrival, so that I might let you know, and that you might give the necessary directions. This resulted in detention of the rifles by the Police, on their passage through the Settlement. I have thus to request that in consideration of the fact that they were unacquainted with the standing rules, you will direct the Municipal Council to return the rifles, and hope that you will favour me with a reply.

In addition to diabolos, the sporting interest this week is centred on the new oval billiard table on which John Roberts, Weise and the other professionals are practising. At the same time, and in view of the repeated infringement of the rule governing armed Chinese within Settlement limits, I have the honour to suggest that a communication may be addressed to the Provincial Authorities in this matter, asking that careful and stringent instructions may be issued throughout the provinces as to the status of the Foreign Settlement in this respect—I have the honour to be, Sir, Your obedient servant,

DAVID LANDALE,

Chairman, Municipal Council.

D. SIFFERT Esq., Consul-General for Belgium, and Senior Consul.

## WEATHER REPORT.

On the 27th at 4.45 p.m.—Orders issued to hoist the Red Cone point downwards. (Indicates a typhoon South of Colony beyond 300 miles.)

On the 28th at 11.55 a.m.—The barometer has fallen considerably over Tongking and N. Annam, and a slight fall has taken place also on the China coast.

The typhoon appears to be situated between the Paracel and Hainan, and is to be moving towards the Southern entrance to the Gulf of Tonkin.

Pressure is high over China to the N. of the Upper Yangtze, and over S.E. Japan. It is low apparently over Manchuria.

Fresh N.E. winds may be expected over the Formosa Channel, and rough weather over the N.W. part of the China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.76 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-day is as follows:—

Hongkong & neighbourhood (N.E. winds, Formosa Channel). Fresh.

South coast of China between S. Amoy and S. Foochow. S. E. winds.

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IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that information has been received from the MILITARY AUTHORITY that MUSKETRY FIELD FIRING will be carried out between 8 A.M. and 1 P.M. on the 31st October, 2nd and 3rd November, on the Southern Slope of Beacon Hill in a North-Western direction.

F. H. MAY,  
Colonial Secretary,  
Hongkong, 29th October, 1907. 1731

## TO LET.

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Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed after MONDAY, the 4th Nov., 1907, at NOON, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before the 4th Nov., 1907, or they will not be recognized.

All damaged packages will be examined on MONDAY, the 4th Nov., at 3 P.M. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent, Hongkong, 28th October, 1907. 2

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Hongkong, 29th October, 1907.

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11.00—11.15—General news and finance.

11.15—11.30—Local, theatrical, and sporting news.

11.30—11.45—Vienna exchange news.

11.45—12.00—Parliamentary, provincial, and foreign news.

12.00 noon—Exact astronomical time.

12.00—12.30—Latest general news, parliamentary, court, political, and military news.

12.30—1.00—Midday exchange quotations.

1.00—2.00—Repetition of the half-day's most interesting news.

2.00—2.30—Foreign telegrams and latest general news.

2.30—3.00—Parliamentary and local news.

3.00—3.15—Latest exchange reports.

3.15—4.00—Weather, parliamentary, legal, theatrical, fashion and sporting news.

4.00—4.30—Latest exchange reports and general news.

4.30—6.30—Regimental bands.

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## ARRIVALS.

INDOMENOUS, British str., 4,256, H. Nish, 28th October—Shanghai 24th Oct., General Butterfield & Swire.  
KUMANO MARU, Japanese str., 5,476, Neil Matheson, 28th Oct.—Australia via Manila 26th Oct.—Lead, Copper and Flour—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.  
PRINZ LUWIG, German str., 5,875, von Binsen, 28th October—Singapore 24th Oct., Mails and General—Mellchers & Co.  
SCHAFFHAUSEN, British str., 25th Oct.—Canton-TONKIN, French str., 3,084, Charbonnel, 28th October—Marseilles 20th Sept., Mails and General—Messageries Maritimes.  
YARRE, French str., 2,514, H. Sellié, 28th October—Yokohama 19th Oct., General—Messageries Maritimes.  
YUEN-SANG, British str., 1,128, Rolfe, 28th October—Manila 25th October, General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.  
ZAFIRO, British str., 1,619, A. Fraser, 28th October—Manila 25th October, Hemp and Tobacco—Shewan, Tomes & Co.

## CLEARANCES

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.  
28th October.

Dagay, Norwegian str., for Newchwang.  
Hainan, British str., for Swatow.  
Tonkin, French str., for Shanghai.  
Yarra, French str., for Europe, &c.

## DEPARTURES.

28th October.  
INDIA, Danish str., for Saigon.  
KING ALFRED, British cruiser, for Mirs Bay.  
KOWLOON, German str., for Nagasaki.  
ONSANG, British str., for Singapore.  
PERSIA, Austrian str., for Singapore.  
VORWAERTS, German str., for K. C. Wan.

## SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British str. *Zafiro* reports: Moderate to strong N.E. wind, equally weather throughout.

## VESSELS IN DOCK.

October 28th.  
ABERDEEN DOCKS—  
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Hongkong, 25th October, 1907. 1716

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LONDON &c., VIA USUAL PORTS OF CALL	DELHI	Brit. str.	—	J. D. Andrews, R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. CO.	On 2nd Nov., at Noon.
LONDON & ANTWERP, VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	BORNEO	Brit. str.	—	G. W. Gordon	P. & O. S. N. CO.	About 6th November.
MARSEILLES, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL	YARRA	Frenstr.	—	Seller	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.	To-day at 1 P.M.
MARSEILLES, HAVRE & COPENHAGEN	CANTON	Swed. str.	—	—	MELCHERS & CO.	End of November.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	ROHENSTAUFEN	Ger. str.	k. w.	Jiger	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	To-morrow.
NAPLES, GENOVA, ALGIERS, GIBRALTAR, &c.	SILESIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Bable	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 11th December.
NEW YORK VIA PORTS & SUZ CANAL	ROON	Rus. str.	—	G. Meiners	MELCHERS & CO.	On 6th Nov., at Noon.
VANCOUVER VIA SHANGHAI JAPAN, &c.	OCEAN MONARCH	Am. str.	—	—	MELCHERS & CO.	Quick despatch.
YUEN-SANG, British str., 1,128, Rolfe, 28th October—Manila 25th October, General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.	SCHUTTKIL	Brit. str.	—	Anderson	STANDARD OIL CO.	On 2nd November.
ZAFIRO, British str., 1,619, A. Fraser, 28th October—Manila 25th October, Hemp and Tobacco—Shewan, Tomes & Co.	MONTEAGLE	Brit. str.	—	—	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	About 1st December.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	EMPEROR OF JAPAN	Brit. str.	—	—	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	On 6th Nov., at 4 P.M.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	SHAWMUT	Am. str.	—	E. V. Roberts	TOYO KISEN KAISHA	On 13th November.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	KATHERINE PARK	Brit. str.	—	—	—	End of November.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	TAIWAN	Brit. str.	—	—	—	To-morrow, at 4 P.M.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	PRINZ WALDEMAR	Brit. str.	—	—	—	On 7th Nov., at Noon.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	TSINAN	Brit. str.	—	—	—	On 25th Nov., at 4 P.M.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	PRINZ SIGISMUND	Brit. str.	—	—	—	About 15th November.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	TIJILWONG	Brit. str.	—	—	—	Quick despatch.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	QUEECHOW	Brit. str.	—	—	—	On 18th Nov., at 4 P.M.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	TONKIN	Brit. str.	—	—	—	To-day, at 7 A.M.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	SHAOHSING	Brit. str.	—	—	—	To-day, at 4 P.M.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	PRINZ LUDWIG	Swed. str.	—	—	—	About 29th inst.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	SHOSHU MARU	Brit. str.	—	—	—	On 2nd November.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	WALSHING	Brit. str.	—	—	—	On 31st inst., at 9 A.M.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	HANGSAM	Brit. str.	—	—	—	On 31st inst., at 4 P.M.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	SILESIA	Brit. str.	k. w.	—	—	About 1st November.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	NAMCHANG	Brit. str.	—	—	—	On 1st Nov., at 4 P.M.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	SYRIA	Brit. str.	—	—	—	On 2nd November.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	DORTMUND	Brit. str.	—	—	—	On 2nd November.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	SIAM	Dan. str.	—	—	—	On 2nd November.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	FUKUSHU MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	—	On 2nd November.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	JOHNSON MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	—	On 2nd November.
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YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	SINGAN	Brit. str.	—	—	—	On 2nd November.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	MANILA	Brit. str.	—	—	—	On 2nd November.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	ZAFIRO	Brit. str.	—	—	—	On 2nd November.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	LOONGSANG	Brit. str.	—	—	—	On 2nd November.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	RUBI	Brit. str.	—	—	—	On 2nd November.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	SANDAKAN	Brit. str.	—	—	—	On 2nd November.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	KUDAT & SANDAKAN	Brit. str.	—	—	—	On 2nd November.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	JAVA PORTS	Brit. str.	—	—	—	On 2nd November.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	TIJIPANAS	Dut. str.	—	—	—	On 2nd November.

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## SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

DESTINATION	STEAMERS	DATE OF SAILING
SHANGHAI, YC (HAMA)	"CANTON"	On 2nd November.
KOBE	"CANTON"	On 2nd November.
SHANGHAI, YC (HAMA) & KOBE	"CANTON"	Middle of November
MARSELLES, HAVRE and COPENHAGEN	"CANTON"	End of November.

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Hongkong, 9th October, 1907.

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## POST OFFICE NOTICE

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR PARCEL MAILS, HOMEBWARD.

Parcels for the United Kingdom—VIA GIBRALTAR—posted up to 5 p.m. on Friday, the 1st November, are due in London about the 7th of December, and those posted up to 5 p.m. on Friday the 15th November, are due in London on the 21st December.

With an additional fee of 60 cents, parcels may be forwarded VIA BRINDISI and if posted before 5 p.m. on the 15th November, would accompany the letter mail due in London on the 16th December.

Parcels intended for New Year's delivery should also be forwarded by the mail of the 15th November, as the next parcel mail of the 29th November is not due in London till the 4th January, 1908, unless they are posted to be forwarded overland VIA BRINDISI in which case an additional fee of 60 cents must be paid, such parcels are due in London about the 3rd December.

The rates of postage on ordinary parcels are as follows:

For a parcel not exceeding 3 lbs. in weight	60 cents.
" " " 11 lbs.	.. \$1.30
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Under no circumstances will parcel weighing over 11 lbs. be forwarded.

All parcels containing jewellery or any article of gold or silver must be insured. All insured parcels must be sealed. The seals must bear the impression of a device or private mark. Costs must not be used for sealing purposes.

International Reply Coupons may be exchanged with the following Countries:

Gibraltar, Japan (Japanese Posts), Manchuria (Japanese Post Offices), Norway, and the Norwegian Post Offices in Spitzbergen.

The American Mail, with the American mail, left Shanghai and is due to arrive at this port-to-morrow, at 9 a.m.

The Deutsche, with the English mail of the 4th October, left Singapore on Saturday, the 26th inst., at 8.30 a.m., and may be expected here on or about Thursday, the 31st inst., at 8 a.m. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 3rd Sept., and the parcel-mail closed in London for despatch by the all-sea route on the 25th September and for despatch overland on the 2nd October.

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DATES

Tuesday, 29th, 9.00 A.M.

Tuesday, 29th, 10.00 A.M.

Tuesday, 29th,

Printed Matter and Samples—10.00 A.M.

Registration—10.00 A.M.

(Registration, with late fee of 10 cents, up to 4.50 A.M.)

Registration—Kowlo.  
B.O.—10.00 A.M.

No late fee.

Letters—11.00 A.M.

Tuesday, 29th, 1.15 P.M.

Tuesday, 29th, 3.00 P.M.

Tuesday, 29th, 5.00 P.M.

Tuesday, 29th, 5.00 P.M.

Wednesday, 30th, 1.15 P.M.

Wednesday, 30th, 3.00 P.M.

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